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FOR KNAUF FROM ROBINSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: HOST GOVT SECURITY SUPPORT

1. IN RESPONSE TO THE HOST GOVT'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
NEEDED TO FORMULATE A PROTECTIVE SECURITY PROGRAM THE RSO
PREPAED A MEMORANDUM DESCRIBING THE REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO
PROVIDE ADEQUATE SECURITY FOR US PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES
IN BUENOS AIRES.

2. THE ULTIMATE ESTIMATE WAS BASED ON 24-HOUR COVERAGE OF ALL
PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES AND IS NEITHER PRACTICAL NOR ACCEP-
TABLE WITHIN THE GOA RESOURCES AND IS USED ONLY TO ESTABLISH
THE MAXIMUM LIMITS.

3. THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS WERE DERIVED BASED ON THE FOLLOWING
RATIONALE AND REQUISITES FOR EACH CATEGORY OF PROTECTIVE
SECURITY:

A. PERSONS:

- (1) HAVE BEEN IN COUNTRY FOR OVER ONE YEAR
- (2) HAVE A JOB WHICH HAS LARGE PUBLIC EXPOSURE
- (3) ARE AGENCY HEADS OR SECTION CHIEFS
- (4) ARE IDENTIFIED WITH MILITARY OR POLICE ACTIVITIES
- (5) PERSON WHO HAS RECEIVED A THREAT

B. OFFICES:

- (1) US OCCUPIES ENTIRE BUILDING

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- (2) US OCCUPIES GROUND FLOOR

(3) OFFICE HOUSES A PERSON WHO HAS RECEIVED A THREAT

C. RESIDENCES:

(1) ARE US OWNED OR LONG TERM LEASED

(2) ARE OCCUPIED BY A PERSON DESCRIBED IN CATEGORY 1.

4. THE TEXT OF THIS MEMORANDUM IS AS FOLLOWS:

"IN RESPONSE TO THE ORAL REQUEST OF 25 APRIL WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING BRIEF INFORMAL NOTE FOR CONSIDERATION AS A BASIS FOR FURTHER CONSULTATION BETWEEN APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

"WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR THE CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF OUR PERSONNEL WHICH YOU HAVE EXPRESSED AND FOR THE CONTINUED COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED. THIS HIGH LEVEL OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION HAS VIVIDLY DEMONSTRATED THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS THAT EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

"THE ULTIMATE LEVEL OF POLICE PROTECTION WOULD, OF COURSE, BE COMPLETE AND TOTAL SECURITY COVERAGE OF ALL PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES, 24 HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. THIS LEVEL OF PROTECTION WOULD REQUIRE IN ADDITION TO THAT ALREADY PROVIDED:

"1. 24-HOUR POLICE PROTECTION FOR EACH OF THE 91 AMERICAN RESIDENCES IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA OF BUENOS AIRES.

"2. FOUR ADDITIONAL POLICE GUARDS AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE TO PROVIDE EXTERNAL PERIMETER SECURITY ON A 24-HOUR BASIS.

"3. THIRTEEN POLICE PERSONNEL ON A 24-HOUR BASIS TO PROVIDE ADDED PERSONAL SECURITY FOR THE AMBASSADOR, AMBASSADOR'S WIFE AND SON, THE MINISTER AND OTHER SELECTED INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DETERMINED TO BE POTENTIAL TARGET OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY.

"4. A POOL OF 8 PERSONAL SECURITY GUARDS ON CALL 24 HOURS A DAY TO BE UTILIZED BY THE EMBASSY AS REQUIRED.

"5. 24-HOUR POLICE GUARD ON THE CONSULAR ENTRANCE TO THE CHANCERY.

"6. POLICE SECURITY PROTECTION ON OTHER AMERICAN FACILITIES NOT NOW COVERED.

"7. TOTAL OF 20 FOLLOW CARS WITH A DRIVER AND 3 POLICE OFFICERS TO ESCORT ALL AMERICAN EMPLOYEES TO AND FROM THE EMBASSY AT THE BEGINNING AND END OF THE WORK DAY.

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"THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE THE ULTIMATE IN PROTECTION BUT WE ARE WELL AWARE THAT THIS REQUEST IS NOT ONLY EXCESSIVE BUT IN OUR OPINION WOULD BE WASTEFUL OF GOA RESOURCES WHICH ARE BADLY NEEDED TO COMBAT THE VERY CAUSE OF THESE PRECAUTIONS. THEREFORE, WE HAVE IDENTIFIED BELOW THOSE SPECIFIC AREAS WHERE: BASED ON THE PREMISE OF VULNERABILITY AND THREAT, WE FEEL THAT SUPPLEMENTARY POLICE RESOURCES ARE NEEDED. THESE REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE ON A TEMPORARY BASIS IN AN EFFORT TO UPGRADE AND MAIN-

TAINT THE LEVEL OF SECURITY AT A MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE LEVEL FOR AMERICAN PERSONNEL IN ARGENTINA, WHICH WE FEEL TO BE VULNERABLE TO TERRORIST ATTACK.

"THE MINIMUM SECURITY REQUIREMENTS THAT WE FEEL ARE COMPLETELY JUSTIFIED ON A BASIS OF NEED, WILL REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING POLICE RESOURCES IN ADDITION TO THOSE NOW BEING PROVIDED:

"1. FOUR ADDITIONAL POLICE PERSONNEL TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR RESIDENCES OF SELECTED THREATENED INDIVIDUALS ON A 24-HOUR BASIS.

"2. FOURTEEN ADDITIONAL POLICE GUARDS TO PROVIDE SECURITY PROTECTION FOR THE RESIDENCES OF SELECTED US OFFICIALS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 1800-0900. THESE ARE PERSONNEL WHICH WE HAVE IDENTIFIED AS BEING POTENTIAL TERRORISTS' TARGETS.

"3. POLICE PROTECTION ON A 24 HOUR BASIS OF THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES:

"A. CONSULATE ENTRANCE AMERICAN EMBASSY

"B. LINCOLN LIBRARY

"C. CONSTRUCTION SITE OF THE NEW US EMBASSY.

"4. POLICE ESCORTS TO AND FROM THE EMBASSY DURING THE HOURS OF 0730-0900 AND 1700-1900 HOURS, FOR THIRTEEN SELECTED HIGH RISK INDIVIDUALS. THESE POLICE GUARDS COULD AFTER COMPLETING THEIR ESCORT DUTY BE UTILIZED TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY PROTECTION FOR THE US FACILITIES LISTED IN ITEM 3 ABOVE."
END TEXT.

5. NO RESPONSE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE HOST GOVERNMENT AS OF THIS REPORTING.

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